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FOR THE DEAD WHO FELL IN THE GREAT REBELLION.

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an *new poems*
No matter what's the cause of sorrow
In loss of friends or kindred blood,
No matter how the cause is brought on,
The pangs are just as painful
To all who suffer grief.

So with those sunny south land,
Who to rear a realm assayed.
To them the cause was holy,
There to give their blood and treasure,
Though in the attempt they failed.

The Earth will ever bear the impress
Of the zeal with which they strove.
Graves are scattered on each hill side,
From the mountains to the sea,
Tomb stones are in every grove.

Here lie the victors and the vanquished
Side by side; their rest disturb not;
They fell in mutual combat,
So let their cause of contest
Lie buried in their tomb.

The grave now all their strife eschews,
Nor asks the side on which they fell;
'Twas valor all their deeds imbued,
Let us forget that they were foes;
They fought their battles well.

We'll deck all their graves with flowers
Each year when Spring returns;
To those weeping mourners say not,
That some will sleep beneath the sod,
Fell in a cause not yet ended;
Let's hope a better God.



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